

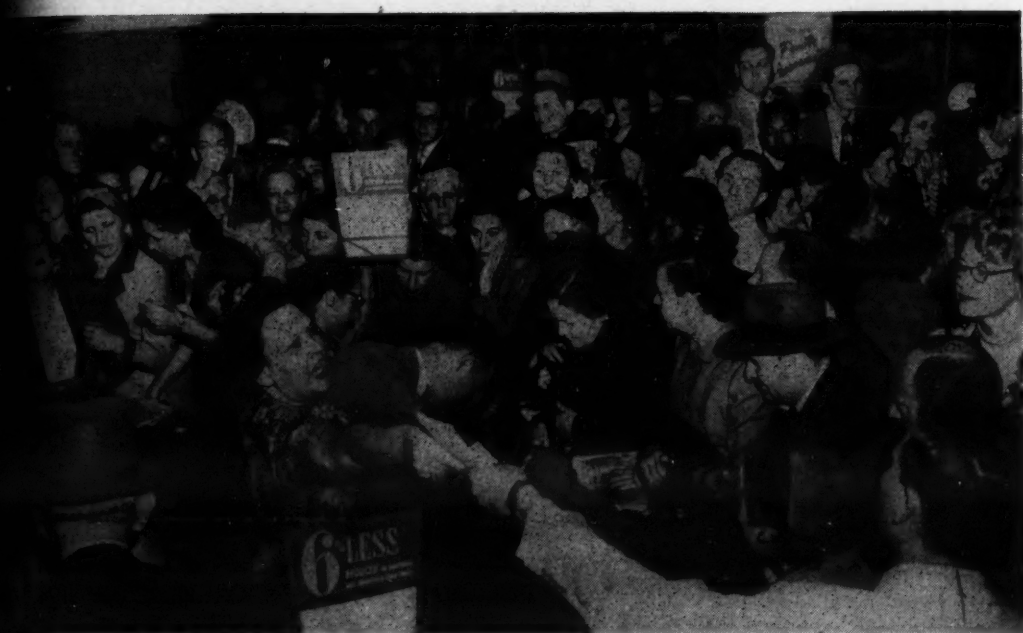
LOCAL I-S NEWS

for department store workers

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1952 WAGE TALKS START SOON; UNION PREPARES FOR BATTLE



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Why We Fight!

In price war and in peace, in sales and on normal days, members of I-S earn more than they get. Now they're ready to fight for more.

Dance! Dance! Dance!!! Get Tics Now For Feb. 2

The New Year rang in and the speed of 1952 started racing past. The speed of an express train to make its next scheduled stop at 14th Street and Park Avenue on Friday evening, February 2nd. The rush to pay for reservations on the "good time special" were 113 and 56 Department stores. Acting on behalf of their respective departments Sam Levine and Dr. Marcus Graubert turned in enough money to pay for tickets for almost every man and woman in their groups.

At the end of December gay and colorful posters calling on all to support the I-S Welfare Board Dance appeared on the clocks and other bulletin boards throughout the store. And immediately after the beginning of the New Year Shop and members of the Executive Board began in earnest the making sure that every Union member bought at least one ticket for the dance that promises to be the hit of the season.

Members of the Welfare Board, with the joy of the holiday season tempered by the steady calls and notices that Union members were out sick and in need of degrees of aid and comfort, Chairman Charles

Rocker said, "I know of no worse feeling than to be called upon for help that you can't give. The Welfare Board has worked steadily to improve the quality and the quantity of the aid it can bring to our Union's members. Our hands remain tied in many cases of urgent need simply because funds are so limited."

"A successful dance on February 2nd, supported by every member of Local I-S, will go a long way towards making it possible for us to expand the services of the Welfare Board."

"Coming to the dance on February 2nd is not an act of charity," said Dance Committee Chairman Tony Puca. "Every person who buys a ticket is paying his way into an evening that has been carefully planned to provide the best time you could ever hope to have."

The bands that will provide continuous music were carefully checked to make sure that they could meet the high standards demanded by the Local I-S membership. Entertainment was studied with an eye on the best, which everyone agrees is none too good for Local I-S. Absolutely nothing is being spared to guarantee that everyone who comes on February 2nd will be back year after year.



Tony Puca

Every penny after expenses have been paid, goes directly to the Union's Welfare Fund, which is used to aid the sick and needy among the members. Aside from this annual dance the only other source of revenue the fund has is the fines paid for unexcused absences from meetings. The attendance record for the Local is so good, however, that very little is received from that source.

"Those in need," said President Sam Kovenetsky, "are depending on their co-workers. Don't let them down. Buy your dance ticket NOW for February 2nd at the Park Avenue Armory."

Tickets are moderately priced at \$1.50 tax included.

"Reject in Advance" Company Attempt To Evade Need For Big Improvements

With approximately two weeks to go before Local I-S puts its 1952 wage and hour demands on the bargaining table leaders of the Union warned the membership against management-planted stories and rumors and pledged a vigorous fight for the program voted on in October. President Kovenetsky made it clear that the Union will spare no effort in the coming fight for a substantial wage increase, a reduction of hours from 40 to 35 a week, the further elimination of inequalities and other gains.

UNION PRESSES FIGHT FOR REST PERIOD PAY

Highhanded management deprived the people of Jamaica and the Herald Square Basement of their Election Day relief period. Despite the fact that more than 7000 other workers rightfully got their respite, Jamaica store manager Cukor maintained that, "all the other executives were wrong and I am right."

Over-riding these insubordinate subordinates was Personnel boss Fred Fischer who agreed that the Union was right in principle, but who was only willing to promise that "it wouldn't happen again."

The Union, continuing the fight to make up for the hundreds of man-hours of rest the workers were denied, is taking the dispute to arbitration. A hearing will be held in the near future.

The President said, "We know that we can predict Macy's with more accuracy than the weather bureau can predict tomorrow's temperature. We can be almost certain that the company will cry that business is bad. They will try to tell us that they can't afford to grant our just demands."

"But we also know, based on years of experience with the company that they will at the same time attempt to conceal the cash worth of their huge inventories stockpiled in anticipation of shortages and higher prices. They will attempt to hide the huge amounts of money taken out of the business in the form of dividends and bonuses paid to top executives. They will attempt to squeeze out of us the cost of flood damage in Kansas City."

"We flatly reject in advance all management attempts to evade the

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Union Hits Company For "No Pay" Policy

In another attempt to get more work from the people without paying more money, management has jeopardized the earnings of the salary plus commission workers in the Boy's Clothing Department.

The company has demanded that these workers do stock work, both on and off the floor during "slow periods" without receiving any compensation for loss of possible commissions.

Steward John DiMuro first brought the problem to the attention of the Union and management when he filed his grievance. He was told by his supervisor that "the company has the right to demand this." Floor Committee Chairman William Atkinson got the same unfounded answer from Assistant Supt. Davy.

Labor relations spokesmen went to greater lengths in an effort to convince Administrator Tom Raffaele that the men were suffering no loss as a result of their addi-

tional duties. Tom maintained however that, "the workers are being asked to risk their livelihoods in addition to being asked to do two jobs at the same time. No one can do both stock work and maintain a high degree of alertness to service. This is just another typical example of Macy tactics which keep piling on more work and more responsibility. The people and their Union will not tolerate these abuses."

Acting in full support of the position taken by the department members, the Local's Vice Presidents, George Gurian and Elizabeth Hammond, are making a new effort to rewin for the workers their right to a full earning opportunity, which they said "has been whittled down by an over-eager executive. Unfortunately," they said, "management still isn't big enough to admit it made a mistake, but we hope to soon make them do just that."

BRANCH STORE NEWS

FLATBUSH



Dave Markowitz

to our Welfare Representative, Miss Geib, the TV adjuster . . . Who is the eligible young bachelor in the store who is contemplating changing his marital status? I was even extended an invitation! . . . With a lot of big outfits giving Xmas bonuses of a week's wages and more (without an incentive program or "bonus" week) how did you spend your bonus money??? I know a lot of people who were too tired to do anything after the rush except soak in a tub of hot water — and this includes all the section heads for the Xmas toy operation . . . Florence Halpern (Housecoats) promoted to ladies millinery with a nice raise . . . Don't forget . . . Get your Dance tickets now. They're selling fast and will soon be at a premium. HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL FROM US IN FLATBUSH.

WHITE PLAINS

With the fading of the holiday season our store has begun to take on its old look. It was a very hectic three weeks for everyone and those who worked the bonus period are mighty glad its over . . . With great expectations for a successful season, the White Plains Local 1-S basketball team would like to see a good turnout for its games. Watch the bulletin board for announcements . . . We are sorry to see that Rachel Russel (W3) who had an accident on the night of the big snow storm is still in the White Plains Hospital. She may be out for quite some time and a card from all might help cheer her along . . . Happy to report that Florence Greenough (W4) who was out quite a spell is back again. Also welcome back to Helen Zjac of Accessories . . . With successful wishes for her future happiness, our very best to Jacqueline Matt (W4) who was married on Christmas Day . . . We also send our congratulations to Rosalie Greenfield (WPS) and Jean Whitney (W4), both of whom announced their engagements on Christmas Day . . . Tony Pucca again asked for a hearty turnout at the Union dance on Feb. 2nd. Stewards are selling tickets. Get yours today. Best wishes to all of you from all of us for a happy and successful New Year.



Terry Ciarlo

PARKCHESTER



Georgine Staib

with pride on the birth of a granddaughter . . . Ralph Savino, formerly of P2 and now in the service, came in to visit us while in on a Christmas furlough . . . Andy Ferranti (P9) and Joe Boggia (Display) are both getting ready to change their clothes for uniforms . . . Lil Fillipone (P10) received what was probably the nicest surprise of her life when, in the middle of a working day she looked up and found her serviceman son staring at her. He had come in unannounced for the holidays . . . We all hear tell that those of us who weren't there missed a fine open house party at the new Union office. Maybe one of these days we'll get caught up . . . The February 2nd dance date is coming close. If you haven't yet — get your tickets NOW. Only \$1.50 and for a good cause.

JAMAICA

Now that everything is back to normal, I'd like to introduce myself as your new Jamaica reporter, Ray Centola (J9). Keep me posted and we'll keep the Union posted . . . Howard Smith (J19) answered the call of Uncle Sam. He's now a Marine stationed at Parris Island . . . Lots of luck to the newlywed, Viola Peters (J12). She and her husband are honeymooning in Florida . . . Last month Tom Byrne formerly J3 and Artie Aronowitz formerly J6 and now Signal and Transportation Corps respectively came in to work while on leave. It was good to see them back even if for a short while . . . Jean Hryciak (J10) who was in an auto accident in November hasn't returned to work yet. Hope you are feeling better now, Jean . . . Our sincere sympathy to Rose Aveila (J5) who lost her father a few weeks ago . . . Glad to hear that Velma Basil (J3), Mary Engel (J3) and Myrtle Prior (Service Desk) are making fine recoveries and will be back at work soon . . . Francis Ropsacke (Service Desk) is feeling a lot better and we hope that she and Sylvia Sternberg (J5) will be back with us soon, too . . . Your Jamaica Welfare Board representative urges that everyone buy tickets for the dance on Feb. 2nd. The proceeds will all be used to support the wonderful work the Board does.



Ray Centola

"Supre-Bomb" Threatens Direct Hit on All Security Guarantees

Management reached into its arsenal and dragged out a new weapon that, if let go unchallenged, could be used to beat down and hold back any worker the company's fickle finger points to.

The new device was revealed when it practically exploded in Receiving Steward Arne Nilsen's face. Arne, who is responsible for upholding the contract in the 10th Floor West Marking Area, was given a temporary Christmas promotion. The ink had scarcely dried on the order when it was discovered that Arne was on warning for an earlier error he had made. The warning was made the company's reason for reversing itself and taking his promotion away.

Negotiations . . .

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basic fact that we have earned and must have a living wage and better working conditions. We will not take "no" for an answer!"

A roundup of opinion among seasoned Union hands indicated a strong belief that the company might attempt to stall the wage and four talks in an effort to force the negotiations into arbitration. President Kovenetsky stated that he was certain that a program of action to be mapped by the Negotiating Committee will convince management that they stand to lose by such evasive tactics.

In preparation for such a development, however, Local 1-S is calling on the expert assistance of a trained economist who will assemble the necessary facts and figures needed to convince any impartial arbitrator of the validity of the Union's demands which are:

- 35-hour work week
- all rates to become fully automatic and all maximums to be reached in two years
- adjustments of inequalities based on existing problems—not based on a flat-sum allowance toward their adjustment
- inclusion of present Red Circle rates in the maximums
- 10% bonus payment to all Local 1-S members working on "hardship schedules"
- Double time pay for work on any legal holiday on which the store is open
- Overtime to be paid to straight commission, salary plus commission and salary plus bonus workers, based on their vacation rate of pay.
- General wage increase

On the Negotiating Committee are:

Irene Barrow
Virginia Braunberg
Elvio Cotti
Catherine Hallihan
Philip Hoffstein
Jerry Harte
David Krakauer
Harry Liebowitz
Robert Phillips
Charles Rocker
Patrick Ryan
Leonard Snyder
Morris Telzer
Jack Toucey
Max Wald

Alternates are:
James Butler
Israel Cohen
Felice De Felice
Nancy Hausman
Freda Pariser

When Administrator Bill Roschak went to management's labor relations office to find out how long he would be denied his promotional rights, Macy's "supre-bomb" was unveiled for him. He was told bluntly that a worker on warning lost his place in BJB I or BJB II and would have to wait until his next job review before he regained his spot. When company officials in the labor relations office proved unwilling to right this wrong Vice Presidents George Gurian and Elizabeth Hammond took the problem to Personnel boss Fred Fischer.

They argued that warnings were intended to remain "on the record" for a period of only three months, but that under this procedure a warning would replace any job review, even if a worker received all "excellents." They pointed to the fact that this vicious practise ac-

tually penalized a worker for an entire year. They told the company that this practise violates the spirit of the contract. But still Mr. Fischer sat tight and refused to recognize the logic and the merit of the Union's argument.

Said Vice President Gurian, "In way of the back door, the company is trying to cut the heart out of the guarantees we have won which protect the right to promotion. The position the company has taken so far will only serve to encourage executives to bar worthy workers from promotions by handing out warnings. Local 1-S hasn't spent years building the biggest and strongest guarantees of security only to stand by and watch management blast them to bits with this new weapon. We will fight to the end to wipe out this threat that the company has levelled at every Union member."

DREAM OF 35-HOUR WORK WEEK CAN BECOME A REALITY IN '52

By DEBY VALENCIA, Administrator



The fight for the 35 hour week can be won. I say this positively, based on my clear recollections of the many predictions that we couldn't win a 40 hour week — that the company couldn't operate its business on anything less than 56 or 60 hours and that even if they could, they wouldn't!

In the five years that I have been playing an active role in helping to fight for the extension of our Union gains, the 35-hour week has stood as a symbol to all of us who believe that human beings have the right to do something more than work, eat and sleep in their lifetimes. Men and women alike look to the shorter work week for the additional leisure and for the opportunity it will afford them to look after the many personal and family things that are so frequently neglected in the fuller work day. But above all, the shorter work week will provide an additional guarantee of job security, because the scheduling and coverage the company will have to maintain will help further reduce the number of layoffs.

It must not be forgotten that approximately 79% of the members of Local 1-S are women. Many of them are working mothers, forced to accept make-shift arrangements for the care of their children in order to work. This group has a special incentive in putting their shoulder to the wheel and doing everything possible to assure the successful outcome of the coming negotiations. The well-being of their children is one of the major stakes they have in our success. The 35-hour week can be won if all of those who want it will help to work for it.

Our job in the weeks and per-

haps the months ahead is simply to give full support to our negotiating committee and to make our united strength — 8500 strong — work for us.

We can also display our interest and determination by letting the Union and the company hear from us. This can be done simply by writing to our Local 1-S News and telling the world what we want the 35 hour week (along with higher pay and other things). Let's speak out and leave no doubt in management's mind that we really mean business!

"Juveniles" End Contributions; Win Payment

Since "the beginning of time" the commission workers who at Juvenile Furniture have had to "give" the company approximately two hours a week for a stock count. They have received no pay for the time, because it was impossible for them to wait on customers and do stock work at the same time.

When Steward Grace Lovel questioned her, Administrator Mabel Murther advised her to file a written grievance without delay. The grievance demanded that the company pay on a pro rata, or average hourly rate basis, for the time that the people of the department were deprived of their opportunity to work and earn.

Management's first answer, given by the Supervisor, was that they would have to study the situation and gather more facts. Both the Steward and the Administrator told the supervisor that they would tolerate no delay and they passed the grievance on to Asst. Divisional Superintendent Mulhearn.

Before any answer could come from him, the Supervisor told the department that they would, from then on, be paid for the time they spent away from customers.

Said Miss Murther, "this would have been secured long before this had the department raised the question sooner. Our victory just proves again that knowing the contract and speaking up is an important way of protecting rights."

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Coming Negotiations Give Us Another Chance To Re-Gain Ground Lost To Climbing Prices

By President SAM KOVENETSKY

It is no secret that as each month goes by our take-home pay suffers more and more as a direct result of higher prices and increased taxes. It is no secret either that only the most determined and united struggle has won for us our present standards and only our continued efforts will secure the higher wages and additional guarantees of security we need.

In thirteen years of bargaining and battling with management we have won substantial wage increases, a system of automatic raises, tremendous improvements in working conditions, a high degree of security (especially for workers with more than one year of service), a company-paid health and hospital plan and many other gains that became possible only through the growth and the strength of our Union.

We Go Ahead!

Because Local 1-S has won for its members the best conditions prevailing in the department store industry, some workers ask, "where do we go from here?" The answer is simple. We keep going ahead! All the members who were present at the membership meeting in October voted in favor of demanding a substantial wage increase, a reduction of hours from 40 to 35 a week, the extension of automatic raises right up to the maximum on all jobs and several other equally valid improvements in our present contract.

But it must never be forgotten that no such gains were ever won just by asking for them. Over the years we have repeatedly demonstrated to management that we are fully prepared and able to fight for all of our demands. What respect the company has for us is based

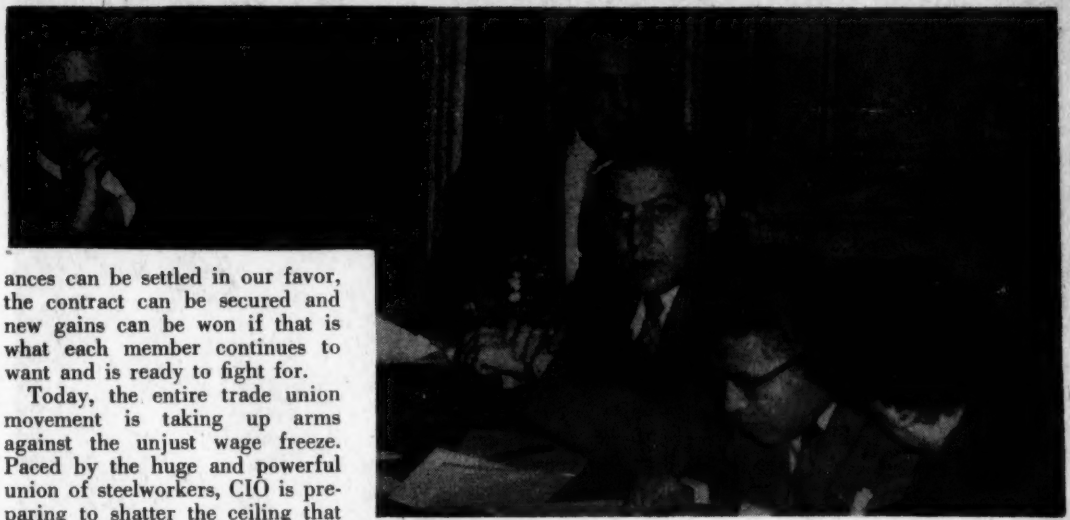
solely on that fighting strength. They remember, and will never forget, that members of Local 1-S manned a picket line in 1946 and ended up by being the first group of workers in the country to be paid for the time they spent on strike!

Management will be forever mindful of the fact that members of Local 1-S demonstrated their power by a united refusal to work overtime or perform sponsor's duties until an adequate cost of living raise was granted. The company can never close its eyes to the fact that a larger percentage of our members attend meetings and share in making all the decisions of our Union than in almost any other labor organization in the country. Management has seen, and been forced to respect, the thousands of men and women who have stretched protest demonstration lines around the entire store. The company knows that an appeal for public support would win tremendous cooperation for us as we fight for the essentials that today are needed by workers everywhere.

Company Tactics

Because the company and its top executives are mindful of these many things they attempt to divide us from within. They encourage rumors of heavy layoffs. They never miss a chance to cry about "how bad business is." They try to raise doubts in people's minds about the ability of the Union to protect them. These attempts to weaken us have always failed because most members keep their heads. They show a correct unwillingness to believe the "inspired stories" and turn to the Union for the truth.

The truth is that we are as strong as our willingness to fight. Griev-



ances can be settled in our favor, the contract can be secured and new gains can be won if that is what each member continues to want and is ready to fight for.

Today, the entire trade union movement is taking up arms against the unjust wage freeze. Paced by the huge and powerful union of steelworkers, CIO is preparing to shatter the ceiling that has been clamped on wages. We, as a part of CIO, will benefit from and contribute to, that all-important struggle.

As the negotiating committee and the officers of our Union prepare for the first bargaining session with management it is important that every member knows where he or she fits into the scheme of things. Let me say only that the negotiating committee will have the responsibility for deciding the actions to be taken to prove once again that the entire membership is solidly behind the demands they voted to fight for. When those decisions are reached and the call is sent out, let every man and woman answer the call. Let every person line up under the banner of the Union and they will leave no doubt in the company's mind that management has more to lose than to gain if they fail to recognize our needs and yield to our demands.

Unity is our strength! With it we have already won much and are about to win more!

The bargaining table is always the scene of hard talking with the Union fighting for a larger share for its members. To strengthen the position of the negotiators each member must be ready to answer the Union's call for help through demonstrations and the like.

ADDRESS UNKNOWN

Important Union mail addressed to the following members has been returned by the Post Office for a better address. If your name appears below, please phone or visit the Union office at once. If any of these people work near you, please call their attention to this matter:

Schoen, Helene
Sickles, Evelyn
Travers, Mary
Turecky, Mary
Thurston, Doris
Toaffee, Bertie
Traverson, Greta
Tyson, Doris
Tharnton, Barbara
Tremayne, Stuart
Trent, Jean
Trockell, Amia
Tarkington, Mary

Ustay, George
Verrando, Robert
Von Weisenstein, Carl
Van Vort, Phil
Vecchio, Carmelia
Vekasy, Elsie
Vollert, Dolores
Von Schoeler, Ruth
Zackerman, Yetta
Zinn, Betty
Wallace, E.
West, C.
Waneker, E.
Weiner, M.
Williams, W.
Williams, C.
Wright, R.
Waller, M.
Wells, M.
Wojewodska, H.
Wolfson, E.

Board Readies Job Review Fight; Assails Murder; Backs Polio Fund

In a bitter attack on management in general and Labor and Personnel Chief Fred Fischer in particular, Sam Levine, 113 Dept., Chairman of the Job Review Committee, reported to the December meeting of the Executive Board that after having been kept waiting for close to six months Mr. Fischer told the Committee that he "didn't know they were waiting for an answer."

The Committee had been created by the Executive Board to meet with management in an effort to win revisions of Job Review procedures and make reviews a factual estimate of a worker's ability. The proposals submitted to management by the Committee were that:

Job Review points be reduced from ten to six and that the six be confined to matters of fact rather than executive opinion.

A majority of ratings received to determine the final rating, in place of the present system which allows one MAS to outweigh an otherwise excellent review.

Reviews to be given twice each year as was done formerly, so that workers may more rapidly reach their Job Review Maximum wage after passing through the contractually guaranteed automatic increases.

Speaking for the Committee, Chairman Levine called on the Executive Board to enlarge the group and arrange for an immediate meeting with Macy President Weil in an effort to end Mr. Fischer's do-nothing policy which he had summed up by saying, "I like this system because it's good for the company." He was told by the Committee that the Union will fight this system because it hurts more than 8000 workers.

Said Sam Levine, "We submitted fair and honest suggestions which were turned down. We came to the Board for help in planning stiff actions which will convince the company that we mean business."

On the Committee to meet with Mr. Weil are: Sam Levine, Chairman, Max Wald, Receiving, Lillian Branca, Parkchester, Jack Steinman, Shirts, Anthony LaSalvia, Jamaica, Morris Telzer, Shoes and Mel Melnyk, Flatbush.

March of Dimes

The Executive Board voted to conduct the regular annual campaign for funds for the March of Dimes. The Board noted that the March of Dimes has spent almost every penny raised by Local 1-S in the last two years in the fight to save the life of one of our Union members.

The collection campaign is set for sometime in February.

Assails Murder

In a resolution unanimously adopted by the Executive Board, Local 1-S sent a telegram to President Harry S. Truman and recorded its "shock and horror at the outrageous murder of Negro leader Harry Moore at Mims, Florida and other attacks on Negroes, Jews and Catholics elsewhere in the State."

The resolution called on the President to "use all Federal Civil Rights laws to assure the arrest and conviction of the guilty."

Negotiations

The Executive Board approved the calling in of an economist who will prepare the facts and figures essential to coming negotiations.

President Kovenetsky assailed the recent wage settlement at Hearn's and the pension pattern which sets aside \$1.75 of any increase that may be won for the building of a pension fund. The Local 1-S President said, "A pension fund, supported solely by contributions from Union members, means that the workers must take and suffer management abuse in order to be around at age 65 to receive the benefits. We also want a pension plan, but we want one paid for by the company, not by the workers themselves."

Other Reports

Committees appointed by the Executive Board to discuss cafeteria conditions and DA arrange-

ments with management reported that because of the bonus schedule they had been unable to meet. Both these groups are planning activity in the near future.

office hours

The move to the new office at 290 Seventh Avenue has resulted in no change in the hours that the Union is "open for business."

The weekday schedule is from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. On Saturdays the hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

In addition to this regular schedule, the offices generally remain open beyond 7 p.m. for meetings or for evening appointments with the officers.

The 10 a.m. opening of the clerical office is necessary because the heaviest demand for information and service comes in the later hours of the day for which coverage must be maintained.

Stock High As Son Hits Life's Jackpot



Fanny Stock of the Millinery Department has been giving every sign of bursting with maternal pride in the last few weeks.

Occasion for all the beaming and chortling was news that her son, Dennis, was the winner of Life magazine's international photo contest.

Dennis' prize winning entry was a series of pictures of displaced persons. As a result of his winning the \$3000 prize he was sent to Alaska on a photo mission and on his return from the northland he went to Hollywood. Europe is his next destination.

Mother Fanny, with a little more than a year of service in the store, thinks that life is pretty wonderful with a Union that came to her aid with its Health Plan and a son who hit the jackpot.

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Gay Crowds Jam Union Holiday Housewarming

Close to three thousand members of Local 1-S came to eat, drink and be merry at the holiday housewarming party held at the Union's new office on December 26th.

The gay holiday mood became even gayer as the people swarmed through the offices to "oh" and "ah" with personal pride over the beauty of the place.

Dozens and dozens of men and women who "just came to spend a few minutes" couldn't tear themselves away from the festivities.

Toasts and congratulations were given to the officers of the Union and the members congratulated themselves on having finally secured a home they can really be proud of. Many of them brought husbands or wives to the Union for the first time and showed the

offices and their leaders off with great glee.

A four piece band, part of a larger group which will play at the February 2nd dance, provided dance music for early comers. As the crowds grew, however, it came impossible for couples to move a step and the musicians had to give up.

In addition to the many tables at Herald Square, large contingents from the outlying stores made a long trip into the city for the party and their first glimpse of the quarters they have heard so much about.

FIVE MONTHS OF RECREATION FOR ONLY \$1

Five more months of swimming and playing for only a dollar. That's the story of the best buy in town — the Local 1-S "swim-gym" program at Textile High School on 18th Street between 8th and 9th Avenues.

The season ticket, available at the Union office, opens the door to a completely equipped gym facility and to an uncrowded and expertly supervised swimming pool.

In past seasons, members of the Union have organized department swimming parties, volleyball, basketball or calisthenics groups and have discovered that they can have a wonderful time as often as five nights a week for only a dollar.

The pool and gym is open to members on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday except on legal holidays. The only equipment a person needs is gym shoes and clothes, a swim suit and a towel. Lockers are available and the dockers for the gals help make it simple.

HEALTH PLAN NOTICE

If you plan to take a leave of absence for more than 30 days or if you leave the store and wish to continue your Health Plan coverage on a direct payment basis, YOU MUST see the Local 1-S Health Plan Consultant at the Union office within 30 days from the end of the month in which you leave the store. Protect yourself — protect your family — protect your benefits. Be sure to come to the Union office on time!

NOTICE

The winter series of Divisional Meetings will begin on Monday, January 21st.

Watch for notice of YOUR meeting date and be sure to attend! All meetings will be held at the new Union office.

Top point on the agenda will be 1952 negotiations, scheduled to begin early in February.

MEDICAL PLAN — for the name and address of the doctor nearest you CALL the Union Office — WA 4-4540 or Associated Physicians Medical Group — BU 8-4296 (Night or Day). Complete schedule of fees available upon request.

BLOOD BANK — If you need blood from the Blood Bank CALL Elizabeth Hammond at the Union Office — WA 4-4540.

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TO THE EDITOR

Expanded space has been set aside for your letters to the editor. We are most anxious to print your opinions and views of Union life. Through your letters we hope to further stimulate the kind of discussion on issues which will add to the strength of our Union. Let the letters roll. Let us know what's on your mind.

THE EDITOR

I wish to thank the Union and the Health Plan for their quick response to my request for blood which was administered to my wife in her time of need.

I would also like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to Vice President Elizabeth Hammond for her promptness and consideration in this matter.

Eli Ziskind, 10 Dept.

Many thanks for the lovely card and perfume sent me by the Welfare Board while I was ill. It certainly cheered me up a great deal.

Forgive my not writing sooner. Best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,
Marguerite Bond, 137 Dept.

After speaking to my administrator I decided to go back to my Doctor for a final checkup, only to

learn that I have to undergo a major operation.

My doctor wrote a note which I am sending the hospital in New York.

I am going to a doctor who does not belong to Associated Physicians but I thank God I am covered by Blue Cross.

I need not tell you I am ever

grateful to the Union for everything done for me.

The most unfortunate part of this is that my son, whom I haven't seen in nine months will come back to find me in the hospital — God willing.

Merry Xmas and the best of New Years.

Yours truly,
Jane Maller, F7

DON'T FORGET

THE UNION'S NEW ADDRESS

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Grateful Member Thanks Union With New Voice

Thanks to Local 1-S, its Health Plan and doctors panel, May Levy of the Flatbush Lingerie department, has found her voice.

She lost it while waiting on a customer way back in July. Since then life was a round of visits to hospitals, clinics and specialists. For want of anything better she was told that her silence was due to "nerves."

But then, May read one issue of the Local 1-S NEWS which carried a big story on the specialists on our panel. She picked up the phone and called the Union. Before she had time to try to whisper her thanks she was making an appointment with Dr. Leon Arnold.

Where so many others had failed, the Union's specialist succeeded. A relatively simple operation removed lesions from around May's vocal chords and while she was still on the operating table she was able to speak in a normal voice for the first time in close to five months.

Because the fine care, the operation and the hospital cost her nothing, May said, "long live the Union. I mean that from the very bottom of my heart. Macy's doesn't give us anything the Union hasn't won and on top of everything else the Union has done for me, it gave me back my voice!"

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